

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/083,437	FRIEDMAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Ramsey Zacharia	Art Unit 1773	

-- **The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to response filed 28 November 2003.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. The drawings filed on 26 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 - (a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the margin according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. <u>122003</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No. _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment
<input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffrey C. Lew on 18 December 2003.

The application has been amended as follows:

the abstract has been replaced by the attached abstract.

In the claims:

the phrase --said matte finish surface and embossed finish surface comprising projections having a height in the range of about 10 to 500 μm ,-- has been added to claim 12 after the phrase "combination thereof," on line 10.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The invention as claimed is directed to a fire-protection and safety glazing laminate having a haze value less than 4%. The laminate comprises a plurality of (A) layers, as recited, and at least one (B) fluoropolymer layer wherein (B) resides between layers of (A). The fluoropolymer has a matte finish surface and/or an embossed finish surface that comprises projections having a height in the range of about 10 to 500 μm and has been exposed to corona treatment in an organic gas atmosphere.

Friedman et al. and Ishikawa et al. represent the closest prior art. However, Friedman et al. do not teach or fairly suggest a fluoropolymer layer having projections. Ishikawa et al. teach projections in the range of only 0.1-5 μm for the purpose of reducing entrapped air during the lamination process. Not only is this range outside the claimed range, projections of the prior art serve a different purpose from those of the instant invention. Therefore, even if one of ordinary skill were to optimize the depth of the embossments of Ishikawa et al., one would still not arrive at the claimed invention because the motivation for optimization would be to improve the removal of entrapped air and not providing optimal surface area for corona treatment.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ramsey Zacharia whose telephone number is (703) 305-0503. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Thibodeau, can be reached on (703) 308-2367. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.



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ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a fire-protection and safety glazing laminate having a haze value less than 4 percent comprising (A) a plurality of high modulus layers laminated with (B) at least one fluoropolymer resin layer, wherein (B) resides between (A). The high modulus layers comprise glass, polycarbonate or polyurethane. The fluoropolymer resin layer has a matte finish surface, an embossed finish surface or a combination thereof and is exposed to a corona treatment in an organic gas atmosphere. The high modulus layers are adhered to the fluoropolymer resin layer through pressure and heat lamination.